



## Feature Story

# MG Pollett relinquishes command

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FORT HUACHUCA, Ariz. (NETCOM/9th SC(A)) – The U.S. Army Network Enterprise Technology Command/9th Signal Command (Army), headquartered at Fort Huachuca, held a Relinquish of Command ceremony Friday morning at Brown Parade Field here.

NETCOM Commanding General, Maj. Gen. Carroll F. Pollett relinquished command to Brig. Gen. Jeffrey G. Smith Jr., NETCOM's deputy commanding general.

Presiding over the ceremony was Lt. Gen. Jeffrey A. Sorenson, the Army's Chief Information Officer/G-6.

Pollett was recently selected to become the Chief of Staff for the U.S. Strategic Command headquartered at Offutt Air Force Base, Neb.

Speaking at the ceremony, Sorenson said during the past three years Pollett has taken care of the more than 17,000 Soldiers and Civilians in NETCOM while transforming the command during a period that has eclipsed all previous Army transformations by several orders of magnitude.

"Maj. Gen. Pollett managed the transformation of Expeditionary Signal Battalions, the fielding of the Joint Network Node systems, and the establishment of Fixed Regional Hub Nodes, to enable our Army to fight in an expeditionary manner any where, any time in the world," Sorenson said.

Sorenson said Pollett's leadership was instrumental in NETCOM/9th SC(A) having the best retention program in the entire Army for fiscal year 2007. "NETCOM was the first Army command to achieve retention goals in 2007, and achieved greater than 120 percent of mission requirements in every one of the five retention mission areas."

Nearing the end of his speech, the Army G-6 talked about Smith's qualifications for taking the helm of NETCOM saying Smith's credentials were impeccable, and as the previous deputy commanding general of the Army Signal Center, he was instrumental in shaping the doctrine and tactics for the future of the Signal Regiment, and as the deputy commanding general for NETCOM his contributions in shaping Signal concept and doctrine, and the design and development of the Network Service Centers and his far reaching views in the conduct of cyber warfare have been most significant.



Outgoing NETCOM Commanding General, Maj. Gen. Carroll F. Pollett (left), takes the command's colors from Command Sgt. Maj. Donald G. Manley (right), NETCOM's senior enlisted Soldier, Feb. 8, during a Relinquish of Command ceremony, while NETCOM's deputy commanding general and incoming commander, Brig. Gen. Jeffrey G. Smith Jr., (center) looks on.

Prior to Friday's event, in a separate ceremony, Pollett was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal and his wife, Dayna, received the Commander's Award for Public Service, both of which were presented by Sorenson.

The relinquishing of command is only temporary as a permanent replacement for Pollett has not been announced. Interim commander Smith will command NETCOM's 17,000 Soldiers and civilians, who are stationed around the world from Korea to Germany to Iraq, until a new commanding general is selected and arrives and a change of command ceremony is held.